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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)

01-040

First Named Inventor: John Packes, Jr.,

Art Unit: 3713

Application Number: 09/991,168

Examiner: CHERUBIN, Yveste

Filed: November 14, 2001

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING PAYOUTS BASED ON ACTIVITY AND RANKS OF OTHER GAMING SESSIONS

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity - fee \$ 55.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)) Applicant claims small entity status..
See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of

(identify the type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
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B. The issue fee of \$ _____ 01 FC:2452 55.00 DA

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity of \$ _____ other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment☒ Reply☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay☒ Return Receipt Postcard**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.

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Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unavoidably
(O.A. not received)

Applicants filed a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, Assignment, Declaration and Power of Attorney on January 18, 2002. USPTO then mailed an updated Filing Receipt on February 19, 2002, Notice of Recordation of Assignment on April 5, 2002 and a Notice of Publication of Application on May 30, 2002.

Since then, Applicants did not receive an Office Action or any Office Communication from the USPTO. Accordingly, Applicants placed a call to Examiner Cherubin to inquire about the status of this patent application on April 16, April 20 and April 21, 2004. Examiner Cherubin confirmed that an Office Action had been sent out by the USPTO on October 6, 2003 which Applicants did not receive, and faxed a copy of same on April 22, 2004. Additionally, Applicants were advised that a Notice of Abandonment would follow within the next couple of weeks.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed by USPTO on June 1, 2004, advising Applicants that the above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely respond to Office Action dated October 6, 2003.

Applicants hereby attest to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records as well as the Computer Packages Inc., which is a computer software used for tracking action to and from USPTO, indicate the Office Action of October 6, 2003 was never received. Please find enclosed Exhibit "A" that is a copy of the mail log clearly indicating that Applicants did not receive any Office Actions pursuant to the October 6, 2003 mailing date. Please accept Exhibit "A" as documentary proof of non-receipt of the Office Action.

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is necessary)